

December 12, 2021

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We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hoppers and Lovers. We are One Family in Baptism and the Holy Spirit, nourished with the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ. All are Welcome in this place!

Cycles of Faith – Third Sunday of Advent

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

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Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 25 9:30 a.m.: 82

Offertory Last Week: \$1,482.25 Maintenance: \$432.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$528.00

Second Collection This Week for Religious Retirement

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday December 11

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Mary Gordon requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.

Sunday December 12

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Anne Pidgeon requested by her mother, Irene Pierce.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Roger Strong, Jr. requested by his Family.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Monday December 13 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Tuesday December 14 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Wednesday December 15 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday December 16 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Friday December 17 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Saturday December 18

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Sunday December 19

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Joseph and Nancy Blanchette requested by Joe and Peg Blanchette.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Hermina Giroux requested by her family.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Donald Haman requested by his wife, Sue.

Calendar of St. Jude Events

- 12/11 & 12/12 Baminelli Weekend at all Masses
- 12/12 Advent Evening of Reflection, Confession and Adoration at 4:30 p.m.
- 12/19 Hinesburg Artist Series Concerts at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: How can I spread the joy in my family, my neighborhood, my world?

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1st Fiscal Quarter Year Ending – 09/30/2021

- St. Jude's had a Net Loss of \$-6,791 for the quarter compared to a Net Gain of \$8,516 for the prior quarter, a decrease of \$-15,307.
- Expenses rose by \$10,401 due to repairs and maintenance.
- Donations dropped by -\$4,906 or -12.5%
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$143,343 compared to \$168,135, a decrease of -\$24,793 or -14.7%.

Please pray for all priests in your daily prayers, especially the following this week:

Sunday:	Rev. Robert Wiseman, CSC
Monday:	Rev. James Zuccaro
Tuesday:	Rev. Fidelis Agughara
Wednesday:	Rev. Ilayaraja Amaladass, HGN
Thursday:	Rev. Julian Asucan
Friday:	Rev. Michael Augustinowitz
Saturday:	Rev. Luke Austin

Schedule of Counters: Monday, December 13, 2021

Gail Blasius
Cyndy Marshall
Marie Cookson

Schedules for December 18 and 19, 2021

Greeters: 4:30 p.m. The Dufault Family
9:30 a.m. Tom Giroux

Lector: 4:30 p.m. David Pearson
9:30 a.m. Sue McGuire

EM: 4:30 p.m. Mike Bullock
9:30 a.m. Tom Buzzell

COVID Update: The voluntary use of face-coverings is encouraged with the renewed spread of COVID19 variants. Catholics parishes do not have any mandatory facemask policies at this time, although the practice is suggested for those with compromised health conditions, and/or who are unvaccinated. Decisions such as masking and precautions at individual parish events and programs will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Holiday Mass Schedules: The holiday schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

Friday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. at The Old Lantern **MUST REGISTER. RESERVED SEATING ONLY!!**

Friday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude

Friday, December 24 at 10:00 p.m. at OLMC

Saturday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude

New Year's Eve and Day:

Friday, December 31 at **4:30 p.m.** at St. Jude

Saturday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC

Old Lantern Mass: Due to COVID there is limited seating at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at the Old Lantern. The sign up link for this mass is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BAFA722A4FA7-oldlantern>.
Reserved seating only. You must register in order to attend this mass!!



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." — Lk 3:16

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Right To Life: *"When a man steals to satisfy hunger, may we safely conclude that there is something wrong in society. So when a woman destroys the life of her unborn child, it is an evidence that either by education or circumstances she has been greatly wronged."*

--Mattie Brinkerhoff

Upcoming Masses: Please Note: Because Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Saturday, there will be **NO** 4:30 p.m. Saturday evening Mass for Sunday obligation.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: Our Lady of Mount Carmel will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions every Tuesday following the 5:15 p.m. Mass. The next Adoration will be **Tuesday, December 14** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Bambinelli Sunday: We will have a Bambinelli Sunday on the third Sunday of Advent, **December 11 and 12**. Children and adults are asked to bring figures of the Christ Child from their Nativity sets to be blessed at Mass. This is an Italian custom and the Pope blesses the infant figures in St. Peter's Square during the Angelus on the third Sunday of Advent.

Advent Evening of Reflections, Confessions and Adoration: An Advent Evening of Reflection, Confessions and Adoration at St. Jude's Church this **Sunday, December 12 at 4:30 p.m.** This will be an opportune time to receive the sacrament of reconciliation for Advent.

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FORMED.org is a revolutionary online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies at **NO** cost to you. Visit **FORMED.org** to learn about these resources. To log in, go to FORMED.org, click "Sign up as a parishioner"; enter "Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Charlotte, VT. Register with your name, email, and your own password to create an account. If you have any question, please feel free to contact Marie.

Christ Our Hope: 80% (instead of 60%) of new gifts and pledges made in December will go back to the parishes to support their efforts and 20% will be split evenly between faith formation and emergency aid. To make an online gift visit: <https://www.christourhopevt.org/donate>

Senior Bingo: Seniors, you are invited to a morning of free bingo at St. Jude's from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. The next Bingo is **Tuesday, December 14**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, December 8**. **Masks and social distancing are required.** You will be given a packaged complete meal to take home, provided no charge by Age Well. Bingo prizes will be provided by St. Jude's. Contact Kathy and Ted Barrett at 453-3087 (leave a message) or email to tedbarrett79@gmail.com for reservations.

Courageous Women Bible Study: Even though we don't often hear much about the women of the Bible, they have an important part in salvation history. This Advent and Christmas season, we at Saint John Vianney parish are looking to increase their visibility with a Bible study. The book we will use, *Courageous Women* by Stacy Mitch, was written with a female audience in mind, yet it is equally approachable for men and allows for well-rounded discussions of depth and breadth with both female and male participants. We will meet for 8 sessions on Tuesdays at 9:15 AM and at 6:30 PM, beginning on Tuesday, December 7; you can choose the time that fits your schedule best. Each session is mostly independent of the others, so participants are welcome to attend as many or as few as they can. Look for the sign-up sheet at the top of our ramp entrance. Copies of the book are available through our parish for \$12 each. Questions? Contact Connie McDonald in the office at 802-864-4166 x204 or at SJVGGoodNews@gmail.com

Kids at Christmas: Because of the pandemic again this year and after consulting with the area schools, it has been decided not to do the Kids at Christmas Program in the traditional way again this year. We will be collecting gift cards instead. These gift cards can be from any place including supermarkets, Walmart, Target, Kohl and gas cards to help the families. We will still have the Mitten Tree and will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks. If you would like to donate gift cards, please put them in an envelope and drop in the collection basket or mail the gift cards to St. Jude Parish, PO Box 69, Hinesburg, VT 05461. **Gift Cards need to be in by Sunday, December 12.** Thank you.

Hear The Angel Voices: The Hinesburg Artist Series is bringing back the ever-popular Holiday Concert on **Sunday, December 19, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Hinesburg, with two performances, 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.** The concert will follow safety procedures asking all performers and the audience to be vaccinated and to wear a mask. Unvaccinated youth under 12 may attend wearing masks. Tickets are free, but are required in order to safely limit seating. Sign up now at <https://bit.ly/3pw1mEE>. Donations to HAS are welcome and the audience is encouraged to bring something for the food shelf. The community is also invited to join HAS singers for Christmas caroling on **Saturday, December 18, at 3:00 p.m. outside at the Hinesburgh Public House.** The Hinesburgh Public House is generously providing cookies and hot chocolate. Rufus Patrick, HAS Music Director, said, "We have always loved singing for our community at this festive time of year. We are thrilled to be returning with our much-loved concert and our new Christmas caroling event. Bringing joy to the community is our goal!"

Hinesburg Artist Series is supported in part by the Vermont Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Religious Retirement: Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection. Thank you.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, January 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter **HINESBURG**. We ask that appointments be made if possible as we may not be able to accommodate walk-ins due to the coronavirus. **MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.** **It is important to register online if possible as this allows the Red Cross to know what they can supply to the hospitals.

Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner: Thank you to everyone who provided food and money for the Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner. It was a great success. 43 clients were fed. A very special thank you to Donna, Dan and Chloe Shepardson for taking the food down to the Salvation Army and for serving the meal.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: St. Jude Parish is 86% (\$20,290) to our Bishop's Appeal goal of \$23,502. If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal or would like to make an additional gift online, visit vermontcatholic.org/giveonline.

Daily Mass at St. Jude's—Winter Weather: Once again the schedule for daily Mass at St. Jude's will follow the Hinesburg/Charlotte School System. If there is no school in Hinesburg and Charlotte due to the weather, there will be NO morning Mass on Monday or Friday mornings. Closings are found on the local radio and TV stations. In the event of Mass cancellation at St. Jude, Fr. Zuccaro will offer morning Mass at OLMC. Please use common sense and discretion if desiring to attend.

Milestone Marriage Anniversaries: Milestone Marriage Anniversaries will be celebrated on February 6, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington, with Bishop Coyne. Catholic married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) in 2022, who wish to be recognized at this Mass should contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or (802)658-6110, ext. 1131, by Friday, January 28, 2022.

Rice Memorial High School: Rice Memorial High School is seeking a custodian/maintenance person. Duties include cleaning, as well as light mechanical maintenance and general building upkeep. Hours are flexible, and benefits are available with full-time employment. Hourly rate is subject to experience level. Applicants must be able to lift up to 70 pounds and complete a background check. Applications should be submitted to Jeff Maher, Associate Principal at maher@rmhsvt.org.